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BIRTH.
On December 19th, at Shanghai, the wife of WAKEFIELD COX, of a.s.n.

DEATHS.

On December 16th, at Shanghai, WILLIAM HOPKIN of Manchester, in his 2nd year.

On December 19th, at Shanghai, CAPITULINA DA SILVA LOPES, wife of Tobias Maria Lopes, in her 58th year.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 25TH, 1907.

A MERRY Christmas and a Happy New Year. The old wishes in the same old phrase, with, we trust, some of the same old sincerity and feeling. At this time, and in these regions, it is practically out of the question that we should hope to revive the exuberance of DICKENS' "Christmas Carol," and though that was a noble exuberance, it would here and now perhaps seem forced and even unnecessary. Old Scrooges are not to be found among our *taipans*; nor are we sure that in their houses would it be easy to discover many of the Bon CRATCHOT type. It isn't the real genuine mistletoe that hangs this morning in many of our houses; nor is it *pukka* holly. Here as in Britain the very children, for whom Christmases is mainly kept up, tell us that SANTA CLAUS consists mostly of false whiskers, and in deference to juvenile enlightenment, many a paterfamilias or host scorns disguise, and officiates at the Christmas tree "in just ordinary clothes." The "mass" part of the word is faithfully observed by the various bodies of worshippers, who are content to ignore the callous critics who point out that the anniversary must

be mistimed, because in December, being the height of Judaea's rainy season, neither flocks nor shepherds could have been at night in the fields of Bethlehem. That doesn't matter in the least, of course, any more than does the juvenile discovery that Hongkong chinamans afford no possible ingress to the round, jocund, rubicund figure pictured in the traditional reindeer sleigh. It is Christmas, a season recognised, like the Japanese *bon-en-kai*, as a time for forgetting things better left unremembered, at least once in a while. We no longer push the sordid aspects of life out of sight by appointing "Lords of Misrule," or "Abbots of Unreason"; but we do seem, even the more pessimistic of us, to practise just now the art of smiling more assiduously than usual. It is a time to revive neglected friendships, to forgive and forget enemies, to practise impracticable goodness of heart and behaviour, to recognise that "all within the seven seas are brethren," that every living creature in the wheel of things has its claim upon the kindest consideration of the rest. According as each one of us remembers this fact during the current season, we shall enjoy what we are all wishing each other—a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In order that the staff may observe to-day, Christmas Day, as a holiday with the rest of the community, there will be no issue of the Daily Press to-morrow, December 26th.

The Fox Office for Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Co. will be open at the Robinson Piano Co. from 10 till 4 on Thursday, Boxing Day.

Thursday evening December 26th, at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Mr. T. M. Elliott will lecture on the subject—"The Value of an Education." He will illustrate his lecture with about fifty lantern slides."

At a meeting of Justices held at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon the application of Rebecca Pfeifer, for the transfer to her of the license of the International Hotel from Mr. Sterenberg, was refused.

The French Mail steamer *Salsis*, from Europe, which left Saigon for this port on the 20th inst., at 1 p.m. and was expected to arrive Monday night had not arrived up to the time of going to press last night. Vessels from the South report a strong N.E. Monsoon and heavy seas.

At the Magistracy yesterday a Chinese watchman from the Hongkong Club, who was found guilty of stealing nine spoons and other articles to the value of \$3 was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment and six hours stocks.

Sunday's race for the Corinthian Yacht Club's championship was won by Messrs. Rodgers and Witchell's "Ariel." So far, we have been unable to obtain the official results of the race, those possessing the information being very busy at this season.

If last plays produced at the Catholic Union can be taken as a criterion, there should be no doubt of their making a success of the burlesque, "Love in Lotus Land," which will be staged at the Union on the 28th and 30th instant, and on Saturday, January 4th.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Price and Officers, the Band of the 12th Duke of Connaught's Own Baluchis will play the following programme of music, at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, on Thursday, 26th inst., weather permitting.

March....."Last Right,"..... Ord. Hume
Overture....."Hungarian"..... Keler Bela
Value....."The Merry Widow"..... Franz Lehár
Selection....."Verdins"..... Maurice
A Dervish....."Chorus in the Soudan,"..... Leopold
Two Dances from Henry VIII..... German
Selection....."The Oath"..... Carly
Sketch....."Way Down Yonder,"..... Knowles
God Save the King.

POLICE BALL.

The growing popularity of the Police dance was emphasised last night by the fact that it was held for the first time in the City Hall, and further that it was largely attended and much enjoyed by those present. Formerly the annual ball had taken place at the West Point police station, but with each succeeding year the attendance has swelled until even the commodious premises at West Point are not roomy enough, and on account of the crush at that station last year, the promoters decided on the City Hall for last night's dance. The large attendance justified the transfer, and with such admirable general arrangements and sociality as prevailed the ball, as before stated, was a great success. The City Hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion, greenery encircling the pillars at the entrance, while flags stretched between them. Pot plants obscured the railing to the stairway while other artificial decorations were to be seen above stairs. St. George's Hall was at the disposal of the dancers, while the more sedate of those in attendance or the nondancers who preferred cards, found St. Andrew's Hall suitably arranged, the entrance there being guarded by a dummy policeman and a fireman. Chief Inspector Baker was the chairman of the energetic committee whose unflinching efforts were responsible for the success of the ball. The members were—Sergeant Gordon, secretary; Sergeant Lee, treasurer; Sergeant Brasil and P.C.'s. Elliot and Watt, bar committee; Chief Detective Inspector Hanson and Sergeants Gordon and Lee, refreshment committee.

Shortly after 8.30 p.m. dancing opened to the music of the band of H.M.S. *Monmouth*, and under the guidance of Sergeants Grant and Cooper, M.C.'s, was continued with zest until the early hours of this morning. The programme was a long one, and suitable to all tastes, and when the dances on this had been completed as many extra ones as were asked for were provided.

TELEGRAMS.

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INDIAN MUTINY SURVIVORS.

LONDON, December 24th.
The *Daily Telegraph* entertained, in the Albert Memorial Hall, 600 Indian Mutiny Survivors. Lord Roberts presided, and Lord Curzon made an eloquent speech.

PERSIA.

LONDON, December 24th.
The Shah has accepted the proposals of the Parliament with certain stipulations.

WITH THE LIVING DEAD.

LONDON, December 24th.
Lord Kelvin has been buried in Westminster Abbey.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, December 24th.
Mr. Janssen, the astronomer, is dead.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE REPORTED BRITISH PACIFIC SQUADRON.

LONDON, December 22nd.
The Admiralty contradicts, in the most emphatic manner, the statement of the "Standard" concerning the establishment of a new Pacific Squadron in the North Pacific.

THE BRITISH ARMY.

LONDON, December 22nd.
Mr. Haldane speaking in Edinburgh said that the Special Reserve, replacing the Militia, would be complete in August, when six divisions fully equipped for a long campaign would be ready.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

LONDON, December 22nd.
The Budapest Parliament has finally passed an Ausgleich, and the Premier has announced that an exchange of notes with the Austrian Premier in regard to the resolution of the 19th instant has resulted in satisfactory guarantees.

[N.C. Daily News Service.]

THE JAPANO-KOREAN EMPIRE.

TOKYO, December 19.
In a leading article entitled "The Japano-Korean Empire" the "Kokumin Shinbun" lays stress upon the most cordial nature possible of the reception accorded to the Korean Crown Prince by the Emperor of Japan on Wednesday, on the heartiness of the toast exchanged and on the Emperor's readiness to return the visit on Friday. These incidents, contains the semi-official organ, show that the kinship between Japan and Korea is of the most intimate character. Meanwhile the dignity of the Korean dynasty is permanently respected under Japan's protecting wing. The absence of distinction between the two countries resembles the position of Austria-Hungary. A form of dual monarchy and the present relations between Korea and Japan constitute the happiest augury for the prosperity of Korea.

VEGETABLE MARKET AT YAUMATEI.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY wrote, in connection with the site for the vegetable market at Yaumatei:—I am directed to state that it is proposed to proceed forthwith with the preparation of the site for a vegetable market at Yaumatei. The Registrar-General states that an area of 160 ft. by 30 ft. will be sufficient in the first instance, and this area will accordingly be consecrated and drained, and a water supply will be provided as suggested by the Board. The area will be increased to 150 ft. by 60 ft. when it is considered necessary, and it is proposed eventually to roof over the whole site.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held on Dec. 24th at the Board Room. The Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson (president) presided, and there were also present Hon. Mr. W. Chatman (Vice-President), Dr. F. Clark, (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. H. Macfarlane (Assistant Medical Officer of Health), Captain Lyons (Captain Superintendent of Police), Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, Mr. A. Sholton Hooper, Mr. Lau Chu-pak, Mr. Fung Wa-chun and Mr. G. A. Woodcock, secretary.

A WATERWORKS REGULATION.

The letter from the Government forwarding a copy of the proposed additional regulation under the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903, which was laid before the Board at the last meeting, again came on for consideration.

The VICE-PRESIDENT.—With regard to the proposal, Sir, that this regulation should apply to other main districts, I may mention that the idea was that tanks were only required in these districts. Where there is a constant supply of water there is no necessity for tanks. It was therefore intended that they should apply to other main districts more particularly.

MR. HOOPER.—I move that the matter be referred to a committee of this Board. It is absolutely impossible to discuss all the details of the regulations now.

THE PRESIDENT.—There are only six regulations.

MR. HOOPER.—It is nearly six weeks ago since I saw the minutes, but I saw some controversial subjects in them, and think it would be better that they should be dealt with by a committee, who could report to the Board.

THE PRESIDENT.—These are regulations made by the Governor-in-Council, and they simply ask the Board if they have any amendments to propose.

MR. HOOPER.—Quite so. I know we have really no locus standi at all, but I believe the Governor-in-Council thought it advisable, before adopting the regulations, to obtain the views of this Board. I think these views can be obtained better when a committee has gone into, and reported on the matter.

MR. LAU CHU-PAK seconded the motion.

HON. MR. HWARTZ.—With regard to the regulations I am entirely in favour with them, but I beg to remind you of the letter from the Colonial Secretary which is to the effect that the regulations were forwarded for the observations of the Board; therefore I think it is not unreasonable that Mr. Hooper's motion should be accepted. Personally I am entirely in favour of the regulations.

MR. HOOPER.—I don't say that I am not.

THE PRESIDENT.—It occurred to me, seeing that the regulations were short and concise, and that they had been in the hands of ministers for about a month, the members had made up their minds. Perhaps if they were reprinted it would be sufficient.

MR. LAU CHU-PAK.—We have forgotten all about them now.

MR. HOOPER.—When you say in circulation for a month, you are quite right. They came to me a month ago, and on reading them through, I saw some debatable matter which appeared to me should be discussed.

THE PRESIDENT.—Then let us proceed, with them now.

MR. HOOPER.—There is a distinct motion before the Board.

HON. MR. HWARTZ.—I will move as an amendment that the Secretary read the regulations now. It will be open for the Board to do what they think after discussion.

THE PRESIDENT seconded the amendment, which went out to the vote was lost.

The motion was then put and carried.

The President, Mr. Hooper and Mr. Lau Chu-pak were then appointed a committee to consider the question.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. H.K.C. LEAGUE.
The following will represent the League in the above match which commences on Xmas Day at 2 p.m. and Boxing Day at 11 a.m. Combined League team:—W. Edwards and C. Irvine (Police), Lucas, Corporal Roberts and Bandsman Barton (Middlesex Regiment), Walter Dixon (Kowloon), R. O. Hatchison, and R. C. Witchell (Civil Service), C. S. M. Owen, Br. Kerrick (R.G.A.), L. J. Wishart (Telegraph) and A. G. Brown (Trangewong). T. C. Gray will umpire for the League.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—On the 24th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen over Japan, and fallen over China, particularly in the North.

A depression which will probably move Eastwards has appeared over N. China, and the highest pressure is now over S.W. Japan. Gradients have decreased over S. China and the China Sea, and light monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and fresh to moderate monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.0 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood { N.E. winds, moderate; cloudy, some light rain.
Former Channel... { N.E. winds, moderate or light.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamcocks } Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. } Same as No. 1.

The duty of such authority to give notice in writing to the owner or occupier of such house or part thereof requiring him to cleanse and disinfect such house or part thereof and articles within a time specified in such notices. Where the owner or occupier of any such house or part thereof is from poverty or otherwise unable, in the opinion of the local authority, effectually to carry out the requirements of this section, such authority may, without enforcing such requirements on such owner or occupier with his consent cleanse and disinfect such house or part thereof and articles, and defray the expenses thereof.

With the amendment of this bylaw to enable the Chinese to do the cleansing themselves it is hoped that they may view the sanitary measures with less repugnance and that it may induce them to give the Board their co-operation. Such amendment would be more in accord with the law of England.

Bylaws for mitigation of epidemic diseases, &c. (p. 122). Bylaw 1. I am of opinion that the words "(even when any such disease is not known to exist in the Colony)" in the 2nd and 3rd lines should be struck out altogether. This bylaw is most drastic and arbitrary and has to be enforced with the greatest discretion. It should only be enforced in the district where plague or other infectious diseases are prevalent in epidemic form, and even then due notice should be given both in English and Chinese in the "Government Gazette" and the local journals before it is put in force.

In paragraph 2 of the same bylaw the term "officer of the Sanitary Department" appears to me to be too vague and should be clearly defined. The power of entering houses without notice should not be vested in the subordinate uniform. "5 a.m. and 6 p.m." should be altered to "8 a.m. and 6 p.m." As the bylaw stands, at present, it is more inconsistent with section 21 of the Ordinance, as well as bylaw 3 for entry and inspection of Buildings (page 106).

Paragraph 3. Of the same bylaw. Compensation should be given unconditionally in every case where property has been damaged or destroyed. Bylaw 3: I would delete the words "and use them" in the last paragraph and add the following in their stead "or make such other arrangements as the Board may deem necessary." With the proposed amendment the Board would not be so handicapped, as it may find it more convenient to put up the canvas tent for the accommodation of the persons so removed, &c.

Bylaws for removal of patients (p. 124). Bylaw 3. In the 4th line after the words "is improperly lodged" add the following line "and there is no other alternative to admit of the person being safely treated in his own house."

Mr. HOOPER.—I don't say that I am not.

THE PRESIDENT.—It occurred to me, seeing that the regulations were short and concise, and that they had been in the hands of ministers for about a month, the members had made up

namely, the Director of Public Works, Mr. Fung Wa-chun and Lieut. Col. Reid.

(6) That the Medical Officer of Health recommended the Board to grant the application, and the Principal Civil Medical Officer wrote to the Colonial Secretary and informed him of the views of the Medical Officer of Health.

(7) That it was not until the notification came from the Government that the Governor-in-Council refused to grant the modification recommended, that the Director of Public Works stated that the applicant had been granted several other modifications.

(8) These several modifications he stated are as follows:—

(a) The godowns are permitted to project into the back yard spaces of the ground floor to the extent of six feet subject to certain conditions. This is a modification of section 180.

(b) The Government has agreed to purchase a strip of land in the centre of the block at the rate of \$8 per foot in order to improve the proposed building scheme, Ordinance 1 of 1903, giving the necessary powers for curtailing the depth of houses erected on the Praya. This is more than a modification.

(c) A modification of the Praya Reclamation Ordinance has been granted allowing houses of the northern block open spaces as shown on the plan.

(d) It was also agreed that a modification of the Praya Reclamation Ordinance should be granted, if required, to enable latrines to be erected in the back yards left for the houses after the formation of the 22 ft. lane.

(e) Another modification was granted permitting houses to exceed fifteen feet in height.

(f) In respect to these repudiated modifications I reply as follows:—

(a) This modification was applied for by the architect and granted only on condition that the remainder of the yard of these houses was thrown into the 20 ft. road the Government wished to form through the property; the owner had no option but to accept this, otherwise the permit for the verandahs of the northern block would have been refused.

(b) No modification. Government desired a road 22 ft. wide through this property, and have resumed a strip eight feet in width. The remainder has been acquired from the owner without payment, the granting of a permit for the above mentioned verandahs being a lever used to obtain the result. If the Government had been so seriously concerned about the alleged insanitary condition of these houses it would have been quite simple to have resumed and paid for the whole 22 feet, and thus have necessitated the owner curtailing the depth of his houses by setting back the rear walls so as to fulfil the requirements of the Praya reclamation scheme as to back yards.

(c) No modification, if so, only a technical one. The Praya Reclamation and the Building Ordinance are not in agreement. The open space required for these houses under the former was provided by the owner. The latter ordinance says "no kitchen shall extend across more than the width of a house." This necessitated the altering of the shop yards so as to meet this requirement. It is distinctly beneficial to the houses from a sanitary point of view, and not of the slightest benefit to the owner financially.

(d) No application for a modification necessary. The Praya Reclamation Ordinance requires a yard of a certain size, and the Building Ordinance says latrines may be erected in yards.

(e) No modification. The Building Ordinance enacts "No storey shall exceed fifteen feet without the permission of the Building Authority who in such case shall prescribe to what extent, if any, the walls shall be increased in thickness." The exercise of discretionary powers by the Building Authority with regard to the necessary strength of walls when they are more than fifteen feet high cannot be called a modification of the Ordinance.

(f) With regard to the back yards. It is agreed by subsection (a) of section 180, as the law now stands part of the Praya reclamation, and it is the knowledge of the Government that this section was specially put in the Public Health Buildings Ordinance on account of thereement entered into between the Government and the owner who reclaimed the land, without this subsection the owner would have entitled to compensation.

(1) subsection 2 of section 151 provides that the user need not have lateral windows opening to external air, as the Crown lease spot provides for the erection of houses on that of a greater depth than 40 feet.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, replied as follows:—

Not consider it necessary to deal with points raised in Mr. Sheldon Hooper's note of the 22nd ultimo, as many are beside the question. The facts as far as they relate to application before the Board for permission to latrines on the roofs of the southern block houses are as follows:—

The land is being built on for the first time, there is therefore no question of the owner having any claim, morally or otherwise, of his formerly possessed latrines on the roofs. It is quite possible to erect houses of a fixed and sanitary type without requiring modifications but the owner elects to erect of the old type and of such depth as to make them insanitary.

Following are the depths of the houses:— 81 feet, one at 79, one at 74, one at 66, 55, one at 44 and one at 36 feet.

The Public Health and Buildings Ordinance expressly forbids the erection of houses of a type of a greater depth than 40 feet, but fortunately the houses in question are exempted from this provision. The mere fact of being so exempted cannot be regarded as calling them to special consideration with regard to other matters.

can see no force in the reason that the owner could erect chimneys equal in size to the fixed latrines without requiring any modi-

cation to enable him to do so. The buildings are shown to have the requisite chimneys which fall partly outside the building land sanctioned by the Ordinance. The Ordinance provides for this.

The position of the latrines is not in my opinion more sanitary than if they were placed in the centre of the roof.

Mr. Hooper states that it would have been quite simple for the Government to have resumed and paid for the whole of the 22 feet lane or street between the block of houses under construction and the adjoining block. So it would, but it would have formed a serious charge on the public purse. The Government have agreed to pay \$8,480 for the eight feet strip and at the same rate the compensation for the 22 feet strip would have amounted to \$23,280.

The Board is supposed to deal with each case on its merits; personally, I fail to see any merit in the present case.

The Registrar General minutes:—

Everything relating to modifications which have been granted to the owner of this building is beside the question. The modifications were not granted or recommended by the Board and cannot be used as an argument against the granting of the request under consideration, for the building is legal and that is enough for us. The conscience of the community may have become quickened during the last twenty years and may not consider the type as unsanitary, but that is no reason why we should refuse a reasonable request for permission technically to infringe the Ordinance if the infringement is not insanitary.

(2) Ordinarily I am prepared to accept the M. O. H.'s opinion when he reports a proposal to be unobjectionable from a sanitary point of view, and I did so in this case. But a closer examination of the proposal makes me think it was quite unnecessary to recommend it and there is an objection to latrines being placed in the position proposed.

(3) As far as I can make out each latrine has a surface facing the road of 25 square feet, and this is equivalent to raising the building 14 feet.

This means a sensible addition to the obstruction of light and air in the street on which the latrines look and the buildings on the other side of the street. The Sanitary Board has raised no objection to latrines in the centre of the roof; they are sufficiently sanitary. The owners make them more sanitary in one way by putting them at the edge of the roof, but by so doing they make them more insanitary in another way.

(4) The fourth of Mr. Hooper's reasons is not very cogent and, if accepted, would lead to the Board sanctioning a general increase in the height of buildings. If a latrine, why not a kitchen and bathroom, raising the height of the building along the whole breadth of it seven or eight feet? But latrines and chimneys do not come under the same category and the wording of section 188 (1) shows the class of erections falling outside the building laws to be on the outside of the building. We do not look for ornamental towers and parapets inside a building, but that is where we would expect to find a latrine. Further the surface of the proposed latrine facing the street is more than double the surface of a chimney.

(5) The fifth of Mr. Hooper's reasons is the only reason there is for asking the Governor-in-Council to reconsider his decision.

Mr. HOOPER.—As Mr. Chatham does not consider it necessary to deal with the points raised in my minute, I do not propose to add anything further by way of minutes. I think the members of the Board can now easily see which is the better case.

A discussion took place as to the reading of the minutes which were lengthy ones. As they had been circulated, the majority of members agreed to take them as read, but the VICE-PRESIDENT said it was usual to read the minutes, some of which he wished to hear.

Mr. HOOPER.—That being so, my minute must be read.

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The PRESIDENT.—I'm afraid life's too short to read all these minutes. Are members prepared to discuss the question, or shall we put it to the vote?

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CRISIS IN PORTUGAL.

We can no longer dislodge from ourselves that the extraordinary political situation existing in Portugal for the last six months is taking a perilous turn, says the *Daily Telegraph* of Nov. 26. It is impossible for any one at the present moment to say what exact degree of genuinely popular discontent is signified by the alarming symptoms and declarations of the last few days. King Carlos is a cool, as well as a very resolute, monarch. His Minister, Senhor Franco, is evidently a statesman of unlimited courage, and though his fundamental sagacity has yet to be proved, and can be vindicated by nothing but success, we are bound to remember that he has enjoyed the sincere support of some of the best elements in the nation. But he is a Premier without a party. He is ruling without a Parliament. With his Sovereign's consent he has suspended the Constitution. He is attempting what was successfully accomplished by William Pitt, with the support of George III, in 1783, and what was ultimately achieved after a more obstinate struggle, in the early sixties, by the Iron Chancellor, backed unflinchingly by William the First. But the effort was carried through in each case by men of supreme political genius, and it taxed the whole of their powers. We explained a few months ago that Senhor Joao Franco, in his traditions, character, and gifts, was not unworthy of the task he had undertaken; but he is animated by undoubtful patriotism; that he has dared to grapple, as no man before him had the nerve or energy to do, with the task of cleansing an Aegean stable of political abuses. It is quite possible that the Premier in whom King Carlos has placed his confidence may prove to be the ablest, and the best statesman Portugal has known since the days of the famous Marquis de Pombal. But the fact stands unmistakable that the Premier without a party has reached the crisis of his political fate, and that with his personal position the prestige, the influence, he had almost said the very existence of the Crown, are deeply involved. A bigger thing in its way is being attempted in Portugal than was faced either by the younger Pitt when he destroyed the Fox and North coalition, or by Bismarck himself when he fought a permanent majority eloquent and brilliant doctrinaires to their teeth and won Sadowa in spite of them. But in each of these cases, although party majorities were triumphantly defied, the forms of Parliament were respected. Pitt stood up alone at twenty-five to fight down an overwheming and insolent majority containing probably the most formidable array of oratorical and debating talent ever assembled on one side in the House of Commons. The nation was fascinated by the dramatic spectacle of the angry boy keeping all his opponents in play together, and answering with unfailing ease and with inexhaustible reserves of sheer argumentative power the previously irresistible Fox. The mighty though impracticable Burke, the witty and dexterous Shuridan, the persuasive North. When a General Election came the King and his Minister were vindicated, and the former majority, which had claimed to represent the undoubted sense of the people, was swept away at the polls by one of the greatest electoral catastrophes ever known. Bismarck's task was harder. He had to dissolve the Prussian Parliament again and again without being able to improve his constitutional position, but he never attempted, we think, to suspend the forms of representative government.

Senhor Franco did not at first intend to pursue the course into which he has been driven. He was a Dictator, indeed, but he intended that role to be temporary. He assumed office at the King's request; he meant to govern in the interests of the nation, with complete disregard of the corrupt conventions of Portuguese party politics. He hoped, within a reasonable period, to hold fresh elections, to secure a majority at the polls after the British example of 1783, to resume the regular working of the Constitution, and to ask a Bill of Indemnity for his admittedly illegal proceedings in the past. Much has followed month. There has been no sign of the summoning of Parliament. It is evident that in the cities—at least, in Lisbon, Oporto' and Coimbra—the Opposition has steadily become fiercer. The Press has been subjected to Draconian censorship. Not a few of the principal Portuguese journals—there were a great many of them—have been suppressed. The rest appear strictly on sufferance. No political reports appear. No article attacking Ministerial policy is allowed. All indirect methods of injuring the public credit or of implying that it is being shaken by the methods of the existing regime are prohibited. There seems little doubt that bomb-mannia aerolites have been discovered in several quarters of Lisbon. This was the state of things up to a few weeks ago, when an unlooked-for incident brought the danger to a head. King Carlos for many years has been virulently attacked by the Republicans, and has probably been informed of late by disloyal demonstrations. In an interview with a French journalist his Majesty identified himself with his Prime Minister in the most uncompromising terms, and practically declared his intention of upholding Senhor Franco to the last. This declaration deprived the leaders of the regular political parties of their last hope. The movement against the Dictator was suddenly converted into a movement against the Monarch. It is known that prominent political leaders, hitherto unwavering supporters of the throne, are repudiating their former dynastic sentiments, and are declaring that they have thrown in their lot with the Republicans. Our Madrid Correspondent transmitted yesterday the very remarkable statement by Senhor da Cunha, hitherto known as a resolute and responsible politician, "I cannot be," he now proclaims, "I am not, and I do not desire to be, a Monarchist." Since the Monarchy was declared to be Absolutist I have ceased to serve it for ever." Prominent members of the nobility have identified themselves with this attitude. What is more important is that the dignitaries of the Church, though they do not, of course, lift the Red Flag, are said to be showing themselves more and more in favour of the Constitutional Coalition of both the older parties, which insist that the Dictatorship shall be terminated, and that a definite date for the meeting of Parliament shall be named. Arrests have been made to right and left. A section of the malcontents, without going so far as to join the Republican party, have demanded the abdication of King Carlos.

Sensational rumors suggested during the last few days that the English situation of 1783, when the heir to the Throne ostentatiously threw his lot with the Opposition, had repeated itself, even in that respect. The report is authoritatively denied, and it is one of the sort which, even if not true, would inevitably be invented sooner or later in a crisis of this character. But we are bound to say that foreign opinion must, and does, question the wisdom of the exaggerated censorship now maintained. It has reached a point where it has become distinctly damaging to the external interests of the Portuguese Government. Thank to the great and deserved popularity of our old and unflinching ally, King Carlos, in this country, Senhor Franco has received from the foreign Press a remarkable amount

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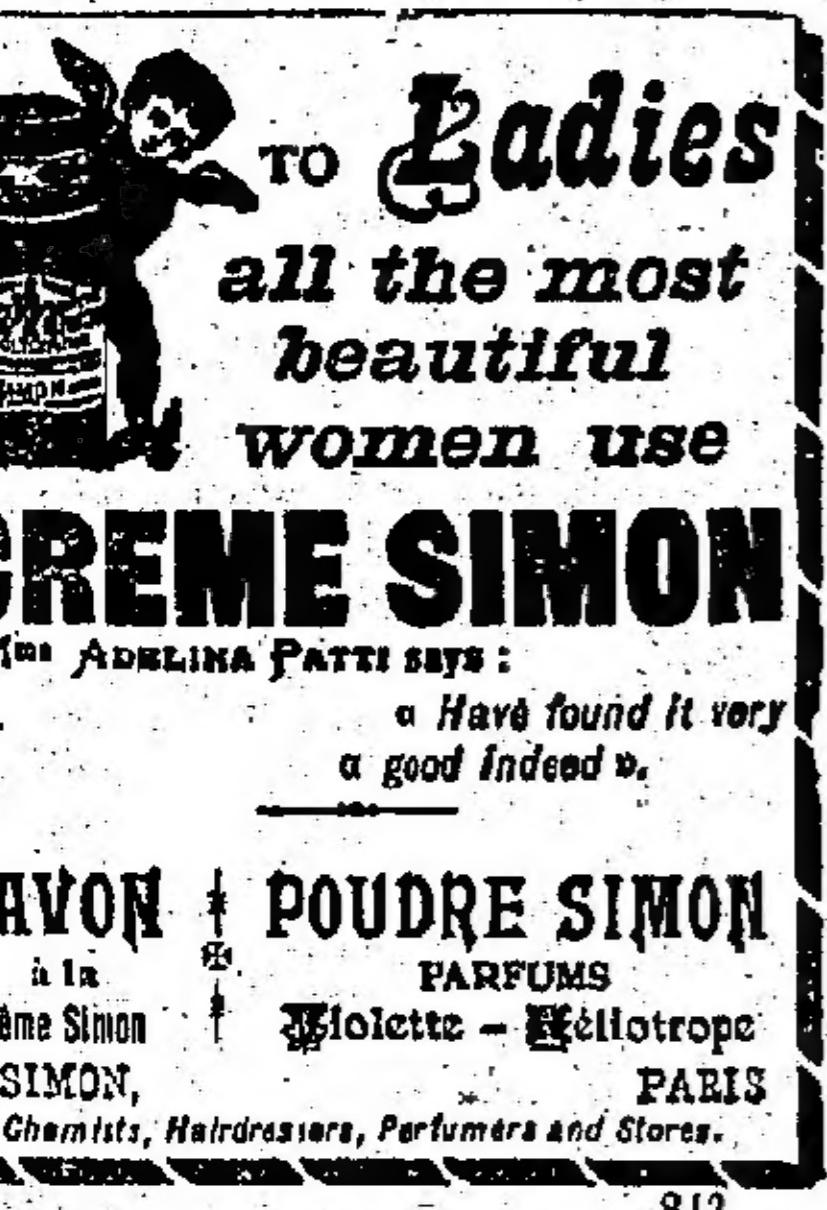
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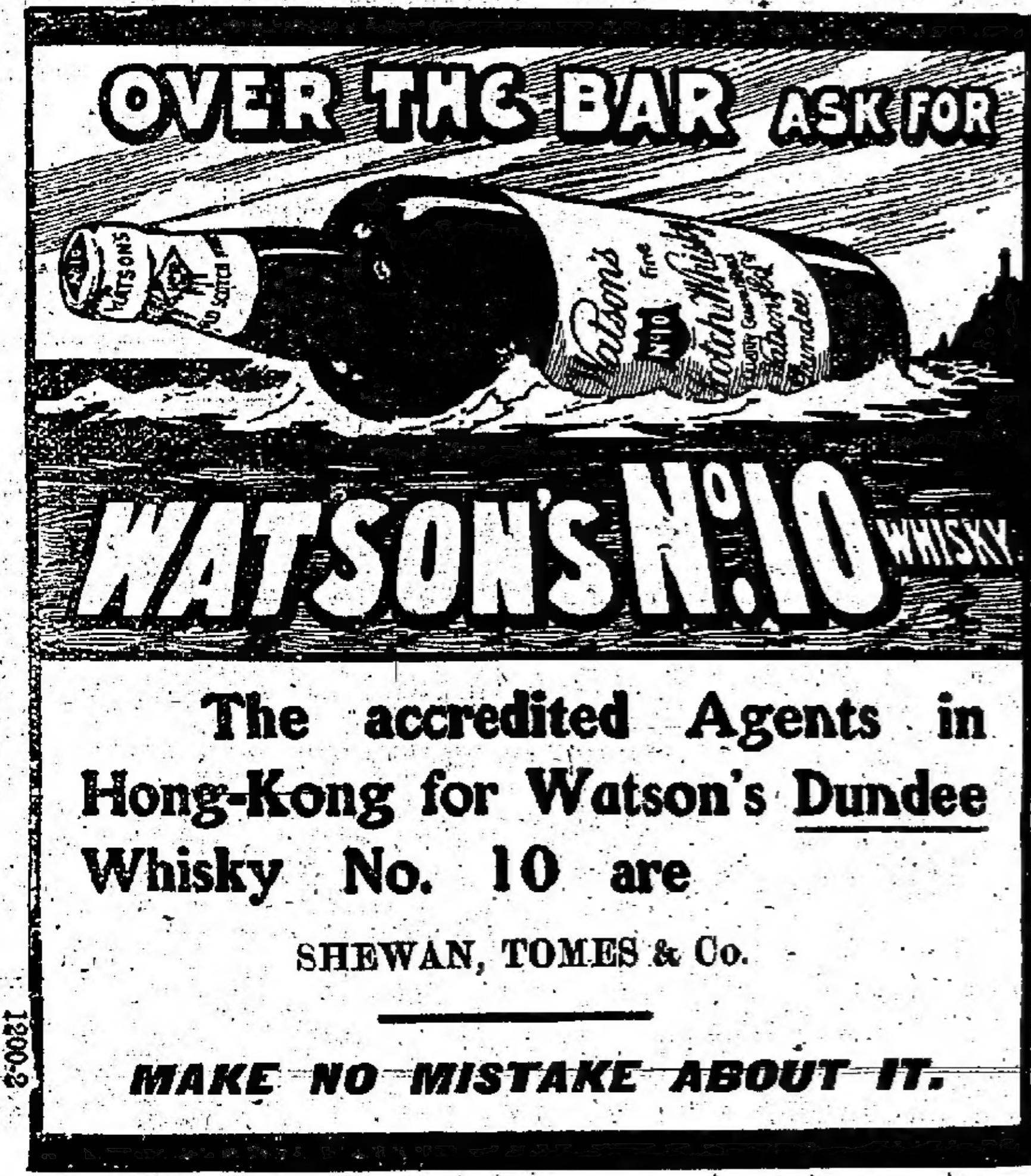
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Palawan, Sueria, Zieten, 16th — Kuwachi Maru,

Yarva, Petronia, Prins Ludwig, Wrasse Castle,

18th — Dardanus, Verona, 21st — Asara, Tonkin,

Jason, Ningpo.

ARRIVAL AT HOME.

Dec. 20th — Inala Maru

JOINT STOCK SHARE.

Hongkong, December 24th.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Allahbra	Rs. 200	Nominal.
Banks		
Hongkong & Sh.	\$ 25	\$720, buyers \$10, buyer Lm. 272, Lm. 277.
National B. of China	45	461.
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	12s. 6d.	57, buyers
China-Borneo Co.		\$10.
China Light & P. Co.		\$10.
China Provident		\$10, buyers
Cotton Mills		\$16.75, sellers
Ewo.	Fls. 50	Fls. 53.
Hongkong	\$10	10, sellers
International	Fls. 75	Fls. 50, sellers
Lau Lung Mow	Fls. 100	55, sellers
Soyches	Fls. 600	116, 270.
Dairy Farm		\$16.75, sellers
Docks and Wharves		
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	185, sellers
H. & W. Dock	\$50	96, sellers
New Amoy Dock	\$34	10, sellers
Shanghai Dock	Fls. 100	Fls. 71.
Sh. Wharf	Fls. 100	Fls. 207.
Fenwick & Co., Goo.		\$26.
Green Island Cement		\$14, sales
Hawthorn	\$20	\$176, buyers
Hongkong & C. Gas	\$10	\$16.
Hongkong Electric	\$10	100, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Co.	\$50	\$20, buyers
Hongkong Ice Co.	\$25	\$240.
Hongkong Rope Co.	\$10	\$25.
Insurance		
Canton		\$242.
China Fire	\$20	185, buyers
China Trade	\$25	310, buyers
Hongkong Fire	\$50	110, sellers
North China	\$25	Fls. 57, sellers
Union	\$100	520, buyers
Xangtze	\$60	140, buyers \$125, buyers
Land and Building		
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$100	180, sellers
Humphry's Estates	\$10	110, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	\$80	225, sellers
Shanghai Land	Fls. 60	Fls. 101, sales
West Point Building	\$50	45, buyers
Mining		
Charbonnage	Fls. 250	\$50, buyers
Raubs	Fls. 10/10	184, sellers
Peak Tramways		\$12.
Philippine Co.	\$10	\$6.
Refineries		
China Sugar	\$100	\$100.
Lunon Sugar	\$100	\$10, buyers
Steamship Companies		
China and Manila	\$25	\$15.
Douglas Steamship	\$50	\$28.
Taiyuan		\$40, sellers
Yorek		— JANUARY —
Manila		Thursday, 2nd, 9.00 a.m.
Kaifong		Friday, 3rd, 3.00 p.m.
Loengkang		Friday, 3rd, 3.00 p.m.
Katu		Saturday, 4th, 11.00 a.m.
Tigbau		Saturday, 4th, 4.00 p.m.
Alesia		Tuesday, 7th, 11.00 a.m.
Laisang		Tuesday, 7th, 2.00 p.m.
Chingku		Tuesday, 7th, 3.00 p.m.
Minnesota		Wednesday, 8th, 3.00 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 24th.

ON LONDON.— Telegraphic Transfer 1.91
Bank Bills, on demand 1.91
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1.91
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1.91
Credits, at 4 months' sight 1.91
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight/1/10/10ON PARIS.— Bank Bills, on demand 2.64
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2.83

ON GERMANY.— on demand 1.84

ON NEW YORK.— Bank Bills, on demand 4.94
Credits, at 60 days' sight 4.94ON BOMBAY.— Telegraphic Transfer 1.34
Bank, on demand 1.35ON CALCUTTA.— Telegraphic Transfer 1.34
Bank, on demand 1.35ON SHANGHAI.— Bank, at sight 741
Private, 30 days' sight 751

ON YOKOHAMA.— On demand 571

MANILA.— On demand — Pesos 881

ON BATAVIA.— On demand 1031

ON HAIFONG.— On demand 54 p.m.

ON SAIGON.— On demand 5 p.m.

ON BANGKOK.— On demand 82

SOVEREIGN BANK'S BUYING RATE \$10.95

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael \$58.00

BAK SILVER, per oz. 244

SUBSIDARY COINS.

per cent.

Chinese 20 cents pieces 34.95 discount.

10 " " 5.45 "

Hongkong 20 " " 4.10 "

10 " " 5.15 "

OPIUM.

December 24th.

Quotations are —

Malwa New \$900 per picul.